

# APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Gardner et al

For: NETWORK ELEMENT WITH AUTODISCOVERY OF LINK CONNECTIONS

Enclosed are: 14 pages of specification (including claims)

3 sheets of informal drawings

executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

Assignment with cover sheet

Non-Publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Application Data Sheet

Submission of Formal Drawings

FEE Calculation					FEE
Basic Fee					750
	Number		Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	17	-20	0	18	0
Independent Claims	3	-3	0	84	0
Assignment					40
Total Fees					\$790

A check for the filing fee is enclosed in the amount of the TOTAL FEES set forth in the above table. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1615 of Anderson, Levine & Lintel, L.L.P. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

All correspondence regarding this application may be directed to Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor: Gardner

Title: NETWORK ELEMENT WITH AUTODISCOVERY OF LINK  
CONNECTIONS

Attorney Docket No.: 139146USNP

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

**I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).**



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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

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